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1. European Patent Publication No. 0 493 117 A2 dated 07/01/92

07/22/1998 SSALEEB U 00000174 292386 European Patent Publication No. 0 663 265 A1 dated 07/19/95

01 FC:122 130.00 CH 3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 60 018925 dated 01/31/85 (Abstract)

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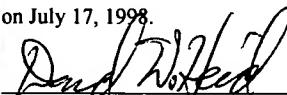
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In view of the status of subject application, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d), Applicant hereby requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement With Certification Under §1.97(e)(1).

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